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REPLY TO ATTENTION OF:
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DATE: 10/22/13

SUBJECT: Memo to File Regarding Section 2.9 of the May 2013 revision of the Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan for the Portage Creek Area Site

FROM: Craig Thomas, OSC

TO: Site File

Section 2.9 of the May 2013 revision of the Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan for the Portage Creek Area Site indicated that one historical, archaeological, or Cultural resource might be present in SA1-A at the confluence of Portage Creek and the Kalamazoo River, based on a review of the Michigan Historic Preservation Office National Register of Historic Places. However, as noted in the attached October 21, 2013 e-mail from Eric Bowman, the Removal Manager for the Site, it was unclear why this statement was included in the Plan.

Mr. Bowman conducted additional searches and could find nothing indicating that a historical, archaeological, or cultural resource might be present in SA1-A. Furthermore, no buildings or structures were present at the site which might be impacted by Site activities. Based on this, an application for a Section 106 review was not made.

This concludes this memo.

Craig Thomas, OSC

Thomas, Craig

From: Eric Bowman [ebowman@eqm.com]
Sent: Monday, October 21, 2013 10:26 AM
To: Thomas, Craig
Subject: SA1A

Craig

I contacted Jill Binzer on September 25, 2013 regarding the potential SA1A work affecting an Historical Area. Her notes were unclear as to why the statement was included in the Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan. She believed that there may be possibility that Historical Area is located in the vicinity of the confluence with Portage Creek and the Kalamazoo River but does not know of anything specifically within the dredging work area. I performed an internet search on September 26, 2013 to further investigate the matter. I searched the web site mcgi.state.mi.us and determined that there were 71 listed historic sites in Kalamazoo County, but did not see any that were located at the SA1A excavation area. I also searched Wikipedia Michigan State Historic Sites in Kalamazoo County, MI. There was a total 62 sites in Kalamazoo County, of which 36 are located inside the Kalamazoo City limits. I did not see any site on this list with a location address in the SA1A work area.

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